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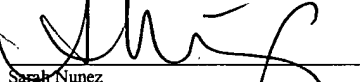
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of September 1, 2004, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.